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G.O. No. 1909

Dated 9 8 - 48

[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION : LIQUOR : PERMITS TO POSSESS FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION RESIDENTS OF PROHIBITION DISTRICTS : POLICY Rg. GRANT OF : ORDERS PASSED.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract

Prohibition - Liquor - Permits to possess for personal consumption Residents of Prohibition districts - Policy regarding grant of - Orders passed.

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Revenue Department.

G.O. (Ms)No. 1909. Dated, the 9th August 1948
READ - the following:

From the Board of Revenue, References C.R. No. 3185-Pro/48 dated the 11th February 1948 and the 5th April 1948.

ORDER:

The Government direct that no permits should hereafter be granted to Indians including Parsees and Jews who are residents of Prohibition districts in any circumstances whatsoever. Indians including Parsees and Jews who have already been granted permits will continue to possess and consume liquor on the strength of those permits for such period as they are valid. In no circumstances should those permits be renewed.

2. The orders in paragraph 1 above will not apply to Anglo-Indians, Europeans and Anglo-Indians will be governed by the existing orders for the grant of permits.

3. The Board of Revenue is requested to cancel at once the D.O. letter and the Confidential Circular L.Dis. No. W.11637/47-C dated the 23rd December 1947 referred to in Board's L.Dis. 7606-Pro/48-XF.3 dated the 27th February 1948 on the subject of the grant of permits to Indian officers in prohibition areas, if it has not been done already.

4. Separate orders will issue regarding issue of permits to persons who are not residents of Prohibition districts.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
To the Surgeon-General.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

A meeting of the Cabinet Prohibition Sub-Committee was held yesterday at 4.p.m. The following were present:

The Hon'ble the Premier.
The Hon'ble the Minister for Public Works.
The Hon'ble the Minister for Education
The Hon'ble the Minister for Local Administration.
The Commissioner of Excise and Prohibition.
The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition (Enforcement)
The Inspector-General of Police.
The Home Secretary.
The Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department.

4. The subject of the grant of permits to individuals for the possession and consumption of liquor was considered. It was decided that no permits should hereafter be granted to Indians in any circumstances whatsoever. The expression "Indians" will be taken to include Parsees and Jews but not Anglo-Indians. Indians who have already been granted permits for a period of one year may continue to possess and consume liquor on the strength of those permits for such period as they are valid. In no circumstances will these permits be renewed. Necessary instructions should issue accordingly to the Board.

5. The Board's confidential circular on the subject of the grant of permits to Indian Officers in Government Service came up for discussion. The Hon'ble the Premier stated that he was not aware of any such circular and he was emphatically of the opinion that no such circular ought to have been issued. It was resolved that the Board should be asked to cancel the circular.

6. As regards the grant of permits for the possession and consumption of liquor by Europeans and Anglo-Indians it has been decided that there should be no change at present although the Hon'ble the Premier considered that in the course of a few years the grant of permits for them also should be stopped.

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The points for orders now are -

(i) the policy re: the grant of permits to Domiciled Europeans and Indians including Anglo-Indians, Parsees and Jews; and

(ii) the fee to be levied for the grant of permits.

2. (i) above: At present permits are granted to Europeans without any restrictions. Permits are being granted to Indians who are residents of Prohibition areas only subject to the following conditions:

(a) Anglo-Indians, Parsees and Jews: Permits are normally granted only to those who are 45 years or above and produce a medical certificate from a Government Medical Officer not lower in rank than an Assistant Surgeon

(b) Other Indians: Permits are normally granted only to those who are 55 years or above and produce a medical certificate from a Government Medical Officer not lower in rank than an Assistant Surgeon.

The Board has been authorised to issue permits to non-officials who satisfy the above conditions. Applications from officials and those who do not satisfy the above conditions have to be submitted to the Government for orders. Recently H.M. (P.W.) minuted in another file that in cases coming up to the Government a medical certificate from the District Medical Officer should be insisted on.

The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee has recommended that the issue of permits for the consumption of liquor may be stopped completely at least within a period of 5 years so far as the Indians including Anglo-Indians, Parsees and Jews and domiciled Europeans are concerned. The Surgeon-General was again consulted in the matter. From his reply it is observed that it may be necessary to allow the consumption of liquor in certain cases. The Surgeon-General has stated that it is advisable that the medical man who grants a certificate should be relied on to judge each case on its merits and prescribe the minimum quantity of liquor necessary to prevent any deleterious effect. He has also stated that in each individual case the certifying medical man should state his reasons in detail for recommending the issue of foreign liquor. In the circumstances it is for orders whether the grant of permits on medical grounds may be continued in the case of Indians including Anglo-Indians, Parsees and Jews. If so, as suggested by the Commissioner of Excise and Prohibition, the Surgeon-General may be directed to communicate his views to his subordinates and to suggest measures to see that medical certificates are granted only in cases which may be considered to be suitable in accordance with his opinion. A permit from the District Medical Officer of the District in which the applicant reside may also perhaps be insisted on. As regards domiciled Europeans no restriction need perhaps be imposed at present.

3. Fee to be levied for the grant of permits: The Government may agree with the Board of Revenue that the present annual fee of Rs. 20 per annum need not be enhanced as recommended by the Committee.

4. As regards the other two points mentioned at Z on p. 5 ante, a further report from the Board of Revenue is awaited. The file may be circulated to H.M. (P.W.), H.M. (P.H.) and the Hon'ble Premier for orders on paras 2 and 3 above.

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Notes from the bottom of p. 9 (above).

Orders are requested on the following points -

(a) whether liquor permits may continue to be granted to Indians, Anglo-Indians, Parsees and Jews as at present subject to the modification that in future a certificate from the D.M.O will be insisited upon

(b) whether permits may continue to be granted to domiciled Europeans freely without asking for certificates of any kind; and

(c) whether the fee for the grant or renewal of a permit may continue to be Rs. 20Rs as at present.

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This may be considered by the Cabinet Sub Committee on Prohibition at the next meeting.

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H.M.(P.W.)

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REV. DEPTT.

This file relates to the grant of permits for the consumption of liquor in Prohibition districts. As regards residents of non-prohibition districts of this Province and residents of other Provinces the matter is being dealt with in the l.f.

2. The file may be circulated to H.M. (F.D), H.M.(P.H.) and the Hon'ble Premier for acceptance of the draft order below which is based on the decision of the Cabinet Sub Committee at X on p. 22 c.f.

A para has been added to the draft stating that separate orders will issue regarding issue of permits to persons who are not residents of Prohibition districts.

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